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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Robert Chow et al.

Application No.: 09/998,832

Filed: November 29, 2001

For: STEM CELL SCREENING AND  
TRANSPLANTATION THERAPY FOR  
HIV INFECTION

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7166

Examiner: Ram R. Shukla

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1632

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 2, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal was received by the USPTO on May 5, 2005, making the next due date Saturday, November 5, 2005, and the actual due date Monday, November 7, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal PTO/SB/30 and authorization to pay the RCE fee and the petition for a four-month extension of time fee thereon are included herewith, including Exhibits A and B.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.